Judicious use of river water

257. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
DR. MOHAN BABU:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether sufficient water is available in rivers in the country for various uses, if so, the details thereof, river-wise;

(b) whether Government have estimated the annual average quantity of water available in the rivers in the country;

(c) if so, the quantity of such water and the average quantity of water that flows annually through the rivers in the country; and

(d) the steps taken for the judicious and optimal use of water in these rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) The average annual availability of water in the river basins of India is assessed as 1869 billion cubic metres (BCM). Taking into consideration the Population of the country (as per 1991 census) the average per capita availability of water is estimated as 2200 cubic metres. Any situation of water availability of less than 1000 cubic metres per capita is considered as scarcity condition. A statement showing the relevant details of basin-wise availability of water resources is enclosed (*see* below).

(d) Keeping in view the further needs of water, the Government has taken various policy and programme initiatives. These include adoption of National Water Policy (1987), preparation of National Perspectives for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit areas, water management practices promoting efficient and economic use of water for various purposes and conservation and launching of Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme since 1996-97 for expeditious completion of selected on-going major and medium irrigation and multipurpose projects.

Statement

River basin-wise average annual availability of water resources potential in the country

Sl. No.	River Basin	Average Annual Water Resources availability (Billion Cubic Metres)	Per Capita Water Resources availability (Cubic metre)
1	2	3	4
1.	Indus	73.31	1749
2.	Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna		
(a)	Ganga	525.02	1471
(b)	Brahmaputra & Barak	585.60	16589
3.	Godavari	110.54	2048
4.	Krishna	78.12	1285
5.	Cauvery	21.36	728
6.	Subernrekha	12.37	1307
7.	Brahmani-Baitarni	28.48	2915
8.	Mahanadi	66.88	2513

1	2	3	4
9.	Pennar	6.32	651
10.	Mahi	11.02	1052
11.	Sabarmati	3.82	360
12.	Narmada	45.64	3109
13.	Tapi	14.83	1007
14.	West Flowing rivers from Tapi to Tadri	87.41	3383
15.	West Flowing rivers from Tadri to Kanyakumari	113.53	3480
16.	East Flowing rivers between Mahanadi and Godavari	22.52	953
17.	East Flowing rivers between Pennar and Kanyakumari	16.46	366
18.	West Flowing rivers of Kutch and Saurashtra including Luni	15.10	683
19.	Area of Inland Drainage in Rajasthan	Negligible	—
20.	Minor rivers draining into Bangladesh and Myanmar	31.00	14623
		1869.37 (say 1869)	

Cauvery Water Dispute

258. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made with regard to resolving Cauvery water dispute;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The Government of India constituted Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal for adjudication of the Cauvery Water Disputes on 2nd June, 1990. The Tribunal has given an interim order on 25.6.1991. As per the interim order the Sate of Karnataka is required to release water from its reservoirs so as to ensure that 205 Thousand Million Cubic Feet (TMC) of water is available in Tamil Nadu's Mettur reservoir in a year from June to May with monthly and weekly stipulations, 6 TMC of water is to be delivered by the State of Tamil Nadu for the Karaikal region of Union Territory of Pondicherry in a regulated manner and the State of Karnataka shall not increse its area under irrigation by the waters of river Cauvery beyond the existing 11.2 lakh acres.

(c) Does not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में सिंचाई परियोजनाएं

259. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश की कौन-कौन सी सिंचाई परियोजनाएं भारत सरकार के पास स्वीकृति के लिए लंबित पड़ी हैं तथा प्रत्येक परियोजनाएं कब से लंबित हैं और इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) वर्ष 1997-98 में भारत सरकार द्वारा किन-किन सिंचाई परियोजनाओं को अन्तिम रूप से